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On June 4, Charge and Poloff delivered the 2008 Trafficking in Persons Report on Sri Lanka and reftel talking points to Foreign Secretary Palitha Kohona. Charge emphasized the need for Sri Lanka to make progress over the next year in the areas of securing convictions for trafficking offenses and improving assistance available to victims. Kohona expressed disappointed that Sri Lanka continued to be on the Tier Two Watchlist. He acknowledged that there were areas for improvement, but said the GSL was working hard to investigate corrupt recruitment agents and prosecute those involved in child sex tourism. He expressed his hope that Sri Lanka, working with the USG, might be able to get off the Watchlist next year. Post will deliver the report to and follow up with the Ministry of Foreign Employment and the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment in the coming days.

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